

REMARKS

The Office action of February 16, 2005, has been carefully considered.

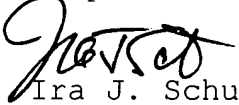
Claims 1 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(a) over Applicants' admitted prior art.

Claims 8, 10 and 11 have been found to be allowable over the art. Claims 8, 10 and 11 have now been placed in independent form as new claims 12, 13 and 14, respectively, and it is submitted that these claims are allowable.

As claims 1 and 9 have been canceled, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application with amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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